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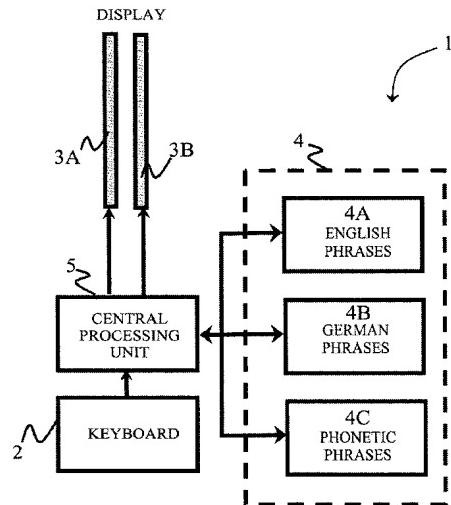
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(57) **Abstract:** The invention addresses the problem of communicating effectively in a foreign language. A phrase to be communicated is selected from an address in a table (4A) and is displayed, in the user's mother tongue, on one side (3A) of a display so that it can be seen by the user. Displayed alongside it is the content of a similar address from table (C), this being a phonetic version of a translation of the phrase into a foreign language. The foreign language phrase is extracted from a similar address in table (4B) and is displayed on an opposite side (3B) of the screen. In use, the user can attempt to speak in the foreign language by using the phonetic version of the phrase; whilst the person to whom the user is speaking can understand what is being said by referring, if necessary, to the side (3B) of the screen. In an alternative version, information equivalent to that in database (4) is printed on cards in such a way that it can be presented on two sides in a way equivalent to the Fig.1 arrangement.

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